GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF ONION AND POTATO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the production of Onion and Potato during 2004-05;

(b) whether the production of Onion and Potato have been increased during the said period;

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure the payment of remunerative prices to the Onion and Potato growers;

(d) whether any steps are being taken to stop the distress sale; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) The target set for production of onion and potato during 2004-05 and achievement obtained are as under:

(In Million Tonnes)

Crop	Target	Achievement
Onion	6.00	5.94
Potato	25.C0	24.15

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Government is implementing a `Market Intervention Scheme` for procurement of crop to ensure the payment of remunerative prices to onion and potato growers. This scheme is being implemented on the request of State Government to protect farmers from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop during peak arrival period when price tend to fall below economic levels.